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To whom it may concern,

I have been following the Microsoft Antitrust case with a great deal of interest and have to say that I am absolutely appalled at the reports that I see in most of the online media on the details of the proposed agreement.

I am a computer support technician. I hold 4 Microsoft Certifications and spend 90 percent of my time working on and supporting Microsoft applications and operating systems.

You could say that my job depends on Microsoft. But regardless of that Microsoft must be prevented from continuing on a course that they seem hell bent on: controlling the very fabric of computing and and in perpetuity. Additionally they must be punished for past misdeeds.

Microsoft's whole modus operandi (observed from over 10 years in the business) is to embrace (purchase) new technology, extend that technology in Microsoft-Proprietary ways to essentially lock out competitors.

At the very least severe structural penalties must be implemented to prevent these continued egregious behaviors from continuing. Additionally Microsoft must be made to pay penalties for past misdeeds. These penalties could be anything from monetary to release of Microsoft Intellectual Property into the public domain.

I am further disturbed by the proposed settlement, in that it seems to be nothing more than a politically motivated "slap on the wrist."

I respectfully urge you to reconsider your current proposed settlement. It is vastly insufficient to reign in the abuses and punish Microsoft.

Cordially  
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